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MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT

FROM: HENRY A. KISSINGER

SUBJECT: INFORMATION ITEMS

INDOCHINA MILITARY SITUATION: IN NORTH VIETNAM, 392 U.S. AACTICAL AIRCRAFT WERE SCHEDULED TO HIT ENEMY STORAGE AREAS, LINES OF COMMUNICATION, AND MILITARY INSTALLATIONS, WHILE 243 U.S. AND 285 VNAF TACTICAL AIR SORTIES WERE SCHEDULED IN SOUTH VIETNAM. THREE B-52 FLIGHTS WERE FLOWN IN NORTH VIETNAM, 40 IN CAMBODIA, AND 12 IN LAOS. NO BOMB DAMAGE ASSESSMENT IS AVAILABLE AT THIS TIME.

IN NORTHERN MILITARY REGION 1, ENEMY RESISTANCE TO THE AIRBORNE DIVISION'S OPERATIONS INCREASED AS APPROXIMATELY 1,500 ROUNDS OF MORTAR AND ARTILLERY HIT FRIENDLY POSITIONS, CAUSING LIGHT CASUALTIES. IN THE HUE AREA, THE ARVN 1ST DIVISION CONTINUED TO EXPAND ITS AREA OF CONTROL SOUTH AND SOUTHWEST OF FIRE SUPPORT BASE BASTOGNE. SOUTHEAST OF THE CITY, ENEMY SAPPERS INTERDICTED ROUTE 1 NORTH OF THE HAI VAN PASS. ELSEWHERE, THE OVERALL MILITARY SITUATION HAS IMPROVED IN QUANG NGAI PROVINCE. ELEMENTS OF THE ARVN 2ND DIVISION BEGAN OPERATIONS TODAY TO CLEAR ROUTE 1 NORTHWARD FROM DUC PHO. MEANWHILE, TO THE NORTH, ENEMY PRESSURE AGAINST MO DUC HAS DECREASED. ROUTE 1 REMAINS INTERDICTED BETWEEN THERE AND THE SONG VE RIVER; LANDING ZONE DRAGON NEAR MO DUC REMAINS IN ENEMY HANDS. HOWEVER, THE LINK-UP OF TWO RANGER BATTALIONS AND RESUPPLY OPERATIONS HAVE IMPROVED THE POSTURE OF FRIENDLY FORCES AT MO DUC. TOTAL FRIENDLY CASUALTIES IN YESTERDAY'S ACTIONS THROUGHOUT MILITARY REGION 1 WERE 29 KILLED AND 73 WOUNDED, WHILE 460 ENEMY WERE KILLED.

ONLY SCATTERED, LIGHT CONTACTS WERE REPORTED IN MILITARY REGION 2 AS FRIENDLY FORCES WERE ACTIVE PRIMARILY AROUND POPULATION CENTERS AND ALONG LINES OF COMMUNICATION. THERE WAS NO SIGNIFICANT CHANGE IN THE SITUATION IN MILITARY REGION 3. TO THE SOUTH, COMBAT ACTIVITY IN THE DELTA CONTINUES TO BE LIGHT. FRIENDLY FORCES HAVE MADE CONTACT WITH THE ENEMY, BUT MOST ENGAGEMENTS HAVE BEEN WITH SMALL ENEMY ELEMENTS AND RESULTS HAVE BEEN NEGLIGIBLE.

IN CAMBODIA, THE GOVERNMENT HAS LAUNCHED A NEW OPERATION TO RETAKE A KEY HILL ABOUT SEVEN MILES EAST OF THE TANK MEKING RIVER

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BASE AT NEAK LUONG. TEN BATTALIONS HAVE BEEN ASSIGNED TO THE OPERATION WHICH IS COMMANDED BY PRESIDENT LON NOL'S BROTHER, LON NON. IN OTHER DEVELOPMENTS, U.S. CHARGE THOMAS ENDERS ESCAPED UNHARMED TODAY IN PHNOM PENH AFTER A TERRORIST BOMB DEMOLISHED HIS AUTOMOBILE, KILLING A BODYGUARD AND A CIVILIAN BYSTANDER.

IN LAOS, UNDER GENERAL VANG PAO'S PERSONAL DIRECTION, ELEMENTS OF ONE GOVERNMENT TASK FORCE HAVE MOVED ONTO THE PLAINE DES JARRES, SEVERING THE MAIN SUPPLY LINE TO COMMUNIST FORCES IN THE THA TAM BLUENG AREA. NORTH OF THE PLAINE, GOVERNMENT FORCES ARE THREATENING ANOTHER IMPORTANT ENEMY SUPPLY CORRIDOR; HOWEVER, COMMUNIST FORCES ARE MOVING TO COUNTERATTACK.

A MORE DETAILED ACCOUNT OF THE MILITARY SITUATION IN SOUTHEAST ASIA IS AT TAB A.

STATUS OF POWS: IT NOW APPEARS VIRTUALLY CERTAIN THAT THE RELEASED POWS WILL ARRIVE IN MOSCOW THIS MORNING, EDT. THIS WILL BE THE FIRST OPPORTUNITY FOR U.S. GOVERNMENT CONTACT WITH THE MEN. SECRETARY ROGERS URGED GROMYKO THAT OUR EMBASSY BE GRANTED ACCESS, AND EMBASSY MOSCOW IS RAISING THE MATTER WITH THE SOVIET FOREIGN MINISTRY. THE POWS ARE EXPECTED TO TRAVEL TO COPENHAGEN ON SEPTEMBER 28, WHERE THEY WILL BE OFFERED A MEDEVAC FLIGHT HOME.

UGANDA SITUATION: ALTHOUGH NO ONE CAN PREDICT HOW LONG IT WILL LAST, UGANDA IS RELATIVELY CALM AGAIN. GENERAL AMIN HAS NOT RELENTED ON HIS DESIRE TO SEE THE ASIANS OUT AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE BUT THERE ARE NEITHER REPORTS OF WIDESPREAD VIOLENCE AGAINST THE ASIANS NOR AGAINST ANY OTHER GROUP. FOR OUR PART, WE CONTINUE TO SLOWLY REDUCE OUR PRESENCE. SINCE THE OUTBREAK OF THE FIGHTING WITH TANZANIA, THE AMERICAN POPULATION HAS GONE DOWN FROM AN ESTIMATED 1,000 MEMBERS TO 836 PEOPLE. WITH THE DEPARTURE OF THE PEACE CORPS, OUR PRESENCE SHOULD GET DOWN TO ABOUT 700 PEOPLE INCLUDING OVER 600 PRIVATE AMERICANS, MOSTLY MISSIONARIES.

KING HUSSEIN'S CHILDREN TO U.S.: KING HUSSEIN IS SENDING HIS NINE AND ELEVEN YEAR-OLD BOYS TO U.S. PREP SCHOOLS NEXT WEEK BECAUSE THE BRITISH HAVE INFORMED HIM THEY CAN NO LONGER PROMISE ADEQUATE PROTECTION IN THE UK. THE CHILDREN AND THE KING'S WIFE, PRINCESS MUNA, WILL ARRIVE QUIETLY TOMORROW TO PREPARE

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FOR SCHOOL OPENING IN DEERFIELD, MASSACHUSSETTS (EAGLEBROOK AND HEMENT SCHOOLS) NEXT WEDNESDAY. STATE ARRANGED THIS ON SHORT NOTICE AND HAS ORGANIZED TIGHT SECURITY BOTH HERE AND ROUND-THE-CLOCK IN DEERFIELD.

HUSSEIN BECAME CONCERNED ABOUT THE FAMILY'S PROTECTION IN ENGLAND AFTER THE ATTEMPTED ASSASSINATION OF HIS AMBASSADOR THERE LAST DECEMBER. HE SOUGHT AND GOT INCREASED ASSURANCES FROM THE UK AT THAT TIME BUT WAS EMBITTERED BY A MESSAGE FROM THE BRITISH AFTER MUNICH THAT THE UK COULD NO LONGER GUARANTEE ADEQUATE SECURITY. HUSSEIN TURNED RAPIDLY TO OUR AMBASSADOR IN JORDAN, AND STATE MOVED TO MAKE THE ARRANGEMENTS IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE PROTECTIVE SERVICES.

COINCIDENTALLY, CROWN PRINCE HASSAN ARRIVED IN WASHINGTON MONDAY FOR TALKS WITH THE WORLD BANK AND OTHERS ON JORDAN'S ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PLANS.

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